GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:214
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002
MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR COPRA
N.N. KRISHNADAS

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Cost and Price Commission (ACPC) has submitted its recommendations with regard to Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Copra during 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the farmers in Kerala are not getting MSP for Copra despite therecommendations of ACPC and if so, the reasons therefore;

(d) whether NAFED has evinced keenness for procurement of Copra;

(e) if so, the total quantity of Copra procured by NAFED and its agencies during the last year; and

(f) the total quantity of Copra released by the NAFED during the last year?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.214 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18TH MARCH, 2002.

(a)&(b): The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) has submitted its Report on Price Policy for Copra for 2002 season. The Report is under active consideration of the Government.

(c)&(d): The prices of Copra are ruling below the Minimum Support Price fixed for 2001 season. The National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) Central Nodal Agency for Procurement of Copra, is procuring copra at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs.3300/- per quintal of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of Milling Copra and Rs.3550/- per quintal of FAQ Ball Copra fixed in 2001 season.

(e): The quantity of procurement of both Milling and Ball Copra by NAFED under Price Support Scheme (PSS) during 2000 season was 2.34,845 tonnes and during 2001 season (as on 27.02.2002) was 44,690 tonnes.

(f): The disposal of Copra stocks procured under PSS during 2000 season was 1,96,663 tonnes of Milling Copra and of 6,336 tonnes of Ball Copra in processed and in whole form.